

**EPA to Host a Public Information Meeting on Wednesday May 9, 2012**

**Lyndhurst, New Jersey from 3PM to 5 PM & 7PM to 9 PM**

Public is Invited to Discuss the Planned Removal of Contaminated Sediment  
from the Passaic River at River Mile 10.9 in Lyndhurst

**Town Hall Court Room  
367 Valleybrook Avenue  
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071**

**3PM to 5PM & 7PM to 9PM  
Presentations at 3:30 PM & 7:30 PM**

**Contaminated Sediment in Passaic River Mud Flats - Lyndhurst**

High levels of contaminants, including PCBs, mercury and dioxin, are present in mud in the Passaic River adjacent to Riverside Park in Lyndhurst. Steps are being taken by EPA to reduce potential exposure to this contamination and prevent movement of the contamination from this area to other parts of the river.

Technical planning and settlement discussions with parties potentially responsible for addressing the contamination are underway. The May 9 public information meetings are intended to inform the public of the actions being planned in their community and to provide the public an opportunity to give feedback to the Agency. EPA estimates that beginning in spring 2013 and extending for a period of time into summer 2013 the use of Riverside Park in Lyndhurst will be impacted to some degree during sediment removal operations. However EPA has been in contact with local officials and users of the river to inform and consult on the cleanup and minimize disruptions to the extent possible. As we move forward with planning and preparations EPA will work closely with public officials, river and park users, the Passaic River Community Advisory Group, stakeholder organizations and the Lyndhurst community to keep the public involved and informed.

**Soil Sampling Results in Riverside Park - Lyndhurst**

Very low levels of PCBs, mercury and dioxin were found earlier this year in soil in the Lyndhurst section of Riverside Park that likely were carried there by flooding. The concentrations of contaminants detected are well below established levels of concern for children and adolescents playing in the park and for workers maintaining the park. No further action related to Riverside Park is needed. EPA will provide an overview of our findings and answer questions at the May 9 meetings.

**For More Information:**

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